(b) Export of tea from India by origin of production of different tea growing states/districts cannot be qualified because teas are exported mainly in blended form either in bulk or packet. In the process, teas of different origin are mixed and thus at the point of export, it is not possible to identify the origin of teas.

Import of P.V.C.

1631. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacturers of indigenous polyvinyl chloride (P.V.C.) and other down-stream petrochem projects and synthetic rubber are presently threatened by cheap imports from European Economic Community;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any representation from indigenous manufacturers in this regard, if so, the details thereof along with details of similar cases of dumping cheap imports detrimental to indigenous manufacturers in petro chemicals and drug sectors; and

(c) the details of action taken/proposed by Government to protect the indigenous manufacturers by raising import duties on such products as anti-dumping measures ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (c) : Complaints alleging dumping of (i) PVC resin from Argentina, Brazil, Republic of Korea, Mexico and USA; (ii) Styrene Butadiene Rubber from Japan and Republic of Korea; (iii) Bisphenol-A from Japan, and (iv) Palystyrene from Republic of Korea have been received.

Anti-dumping investigations on imports of PVC resin, Styrene Butadiene Rubber and Bisphenol-A have been initiated.

A decision on the imposition of anti-dumping duty can be made only after the designated Authority, who conducts the investigations, has submitted his findings on the existence, degree and effect of dumping and injury to the domestic industry.

National Development Plan for Export of Leather

1632. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJI RAO SHINDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be peased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated an ambitious Export National Development programme to capture 10 per cent share in global leather market in the next eight years:

(b) if so, the details thereof and year-wise phasing of its action plan;

(c) the details of incentives provided to manufacturers and exporters along with technological and technical upgradation infrastructural facilities proposed to be provided for the proposed and additional employment potential likely to be generated as a result thereof; and

(d) the details of potentially international export markets identified ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSEED) : (a) to (d) The Government has drawn up with UNDP assistance, a National Leather Development Programme for the integrated development of the industry so as to enable it to face the challenges in the national and international market. The programme is to be implemented over a period of four years. The programme is specifically designed to tackle the critical gaps in the industry particularly in the fields of training and technical manpower, design and product development, development of supporting industries, effluent treatment and control and strengthening of export capability. Improving the image of the Indian products is one of the major concerns of the programme.

No specific export target has been adopted under the Plan.